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## CHEQUE BOOKS FOR WIVES.

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The suggestion made by Miss Lucy Yates, at a meeting of the Women's Freedom League, that the middle-class wife "should have a cheque book," and pay her household accounts through a banker, commends itself to many bankers and tradespeople.

The manager of Farrow's Bank insisted that payment by cheque is the most orderly and business-like way to conduct business. "Women have to be educated up to the system," he declared, "but they are already beginning to realize its advantages. Our branch entirely devoted to women, and worked and managed by women, was so successful that we were compelled to remove to larger premises in a busy centre. Briefly stated, the reason why women should use cheques in their domestic affairs is—Expenditure is checked and financial responsibility is realized."

"A woman," he said, "likes to know that she possesses a banking account, and that it is growing. Petty cash, with all its perils, ceases to exist, and the spending of the household money becomes a fine art." Other bank managers agreed, and stated that the number of women who have opened accounts has increased largely. "Many a woman," said one manager, "thinks all her house-keeping money, and is full of gloom because she knows there is a nice little nest egg of which her husband knows nothing. In time of misfortune it will come in useful, and it would never have existed but for the banking habit." Tradesmen, too, bore out the fact of an increase in the number of women who pay by cheques.

## MYSTERY OF AN ENGLISHMAN.

There is much speculation in Milan, says the "Chronicle" correspondent, as to the identity of a man who committed suicide on the other night in the Genova-Milan express. There is some ground for supposing that he may be a titled Englishman. The body was found in the train. It is that of a tall, clean shaven, distinguished-looking man, with chestnut hair. In the carriage were found some pieces of visiting cards bearing the name of titled people in England where the suicide had lately been staying. A new Webley-Scott pistol was found near the body. The numbers on it are "8635 M.M., Automatic Pistol No. 68,622." On the body there was a general first-class travel ticket for the Riviera. The man had come from Monte Carlo, where, it is suggested, he had lost every thing at the tables. He had cut out the name and initials from his clothes.

## \$40,000 SWEEP WINNER.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT  
THE TWENTY FIFTH ORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held at the Company's  
Office, St. George's Buildings, on  
THURSDAY the 14th May, 1914, at  
11.30 a.m. for the purpose of presenting  
the REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS,  
together with a statement of Accounts to  
18th February, 1914, and electing Directors  
and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 30th April  
to the 14th May, 1914, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
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Hongkong, April 24, 1914.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE  
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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY THIRD ORDINARY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
will be held at the Office of the Under-  
signed on MONDAY the 18th May 1914,  
at 11.30 a.m.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 4th to the  
18th May, both days inclusive.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Agents,  
Hongkong, May 1, 1914.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE  
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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN  
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING OF THE CANTON INSURANCE  
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toria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on  
MONDAY, the 18th day of May, 1914, at  
11.45 o'clock in the Forenoon, when the  
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on Extraordinary Resolution.

That Article 84 of the Articles of Asso-  
ciation be altered by substituting  
the words "Twenty five" for the  
word "Fifteen".

Should the Resolution be passed by the  
required majority it will be submitted for  
confirmation as a Special Resolution to  
Second Extraordinary Meeting, which will  
be subsequently convened.

Dated this 30th day of April, 1914.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
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issued, says the "London and China  
Express" of April 17. It contains an  
interesting resume of the various matters  
which have occupied the attention of the  
Committee during the period named,  
together with a report of the speeches at  
the annual dinner, held on October 29  
last year. The proceedings at a number  
of the Committee meetings have already  
been published briefly from time to time  
in the "London and China Express," but  
the full report now before us amplifies  
and explains the information thus given,  
and enables us to see the work of the  
Association as a whole. The earlier part  
of the report is taken up with an excel-  
lent review of political events in China  
from the time of the mutiny at Wuchang  
in 1911 to the present day, when we find  
the Chinese Republic without a Parlia-  
ment, and all power concentrated in the  
hands of Yuan Shih-kai as absolute ruler.  
The report proceeds—

A cynical observer might sum up the  
situation by saying that after having  
gone through the whole cycle of changes  
from absolutism to extreme democracy,  
and from democracy back to a dicta-  
torship, they had completed the circle and  
were now back to the original starting  
point. But we do not take that view.  
China has at last been awakened from the  
letargy of ages, and things can never  
be as they were. A regenerating pro-  
cess has been started by which we believe  
a new and enlightened China will in  
time take the place of the old. But we  
venture to think it will not be brought  
about by any further revolution. The  
country has had enough of that. All  
classes have learned a lesson. Young  
China has been taught that it cannot  
force the pace, and old China realizes  
that it must keep moving. For the time  
being the paramount necessity of a strong  
man to keep the peace has been attained,  
and the nation may well be content with  
that. But there are two points of weak-  
ness in Yuan Shih-kai's otherwise strong  
rule. The first of minor importance is  
that there is no provision for a successor  
in the event of his death without the  
turnout of a popular election. The  
second, which is much more serious, is  
the want of money. We deal with the  
financial question in a subsequent section,  
but we may here say that the Govern-  
ment seem to be living daily from hand  
to mouth, and if soldiers' pay be allowed  
to fall in arrears there may be military  
outbreaks with disastrous consequences.  
It is incumbent on the Powers interested,  
as far as possible, to see that that does  
not happen. If it is impossible to float  
the balance of the reorganization loan, at  
least a moratorium might be granted for  
the Boxer Indemnity secured on the Cus-

tom, so that the money might be set  
free for the special purpose of paying  
such troops as are indispensable for keep-  
ing the peace and putting down brigand-  
age. In time no doubt China can pay  
her way, even with the new indebtedness  
which has been piled up, but a period  
of at least five years will be required before  
that consummation can be reached.

As evidence, we hope, of the enlighten-  
ed and progressive character of Yuan  
Shih-kai's Government, it may be stated  
that more railway concessions have been  
granted in the past six months than in  
the previous ten years. "It is true that  
an undue proportion of the mileage has  
gone to foreign syndicates, but there need  
be no jealousy about that. There is still  
ample scope for any number of lines in  
the Yangtze and Southern provinces:  
enough to keep English engineers and  
manufacturers employed for the next  
twenty years, and all of a more remunera-  
tive character than some of the Western  
lines projected by Belgian and French  
interests. Since the dissolution of the  
Consortium for Industrial Loans, there  
has been a tendency to revert to the  
sphere of influence policy in the matter  
of railways, and it may be hoped that  
steps will be taken by our own Govern-  
ment to see that the Yangtze Valley is  
better equipped for British industry  
than it has hitherto been. Another satis-  
factory feature is to be noted, and that  
is that the Central Government seem to  
have now overcome provincial opposition  
to National Railways. Thus the Hunan  
and Hupeh local companies have been  
bought out, and the sections constructed  
by them will be incorporated in the  
trunk line from Hankow to Canton.  
Szechuan province, where it will be re-  
membered the revolt first broke out over  
this very question, has also given way.  
Not less important is the Kiangsu Rail-  
way Company, which for a long time  
blocked the British Shanghai-Hankow-  
Ningpo contract. That company has now  
been bought out, and it is expected that  
the Chekiang company will follow suit.  
This will make the whole railway from  
Shanghai to Ningpo a British line, and  
the line will be connected with the Shanghai-  
Nanking railway by a short line via  
Shanghai City. To the north of the  
Yangtze a line from Fuhow to Hanyang  
(on the Peking-Hankow line) has been  
contracted for, and will be built by Brit-  
ish engineers. This line will give  
through connection between Shanghai and  
Hankow, except for a break at the cross-  
ing of the river at Nanking.

Finance continues, and it is feared will  
long continue, to be the weak spot in  
Yuan Shih-kai's Government. The 50-  
or 60 millions estimated by Tong Siao-yi  
in 1912 to be required for re-organization  
purposes, prove, as events have shown,  
to be none too small. The first 25 mil-  
lions of this was issued in April 1913,  
by the Quintuple Bank, yielding net  
to the Chinese Government 21 millions.  
Of this, 12 millions were at once absorbed  
in paying outstanding foreign obligations;  
the balance appears to have gone in cur-  
rent expenditure and in the extra war  
expenses necessitated by the revolt of  
1913. Nothing so far has been done to  
reform the currency, or to redeem the  
irregular Provincial Note issues, esti-  
mated by the Ministry of Finance to  
amount to 20 millions sterling. Further,  
Treasury Bills and other short term

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Chelsea	2	Blackburn Rovers	0
Bolton Wanderers	2	Sunderland	1
Preston North End	2	Sheffield United	1
Burnley	0	Derby County	1
Oldham Athletic	0	Aston Villa	1
Liverpool	0	Sheffield Wednesday	1
West Bromwich Albion	1	Tottenham Hotspur	1
Sheffield Wednesday	2	Everton	2
Manchester United	0	Manchester City	1

Results of Matches played on Easter Monday (April 13).

Chelsea	2	Bolton Wanderers	1
Everton	0	Oldham Athletic	2
Middlesbrough	0	Tottenham Hotspur	0
W. Bromwich Albion	2	Manchester United	1
Bradford City	1	Liverpool	0
Aston Villa	2	Derby County	0
Manchester City	0	Newcastle United	1

Results of matches played Tuesday, April 14.

West Bromwich Albion	3	Chelsea	1
Oldham Athletic	2	Sheffield Wednesday	0

#### Second Division.

Results of matches played Saturday, April 11.

Blackpool	1	Glossop	1
Clapton Orient	2	Bury	0
Nottingham Forest	0	Fulham	1
Birmingham	0	Huddersfield	1
Bradford City	2	Sheffield Wednesday	1
Wolverhampton W	1	Hull City	1
Stockport County	2	Lincoln City	2
Leicester Fosse	0	Barrow	1
Leeds City	0	Grimsby Town	0
Bristol City	1	Grimsby Town	0

Results of matches played on Easter Monday, April 13.

Blackpool	0	Nottingham Forest	0
Barnsley	0	Fulham	0
Nottingham Forest	1	Glossop	0
Grimsby Town	1	Bury	0
Hull City	0	Sheffield Wednesday	1
Clapton Orient	2	Birmingham	2
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Wolverhampton	2	Huddersfield	1
Leeds City	1	Bristol City	2
Leicester Fosse	2	Lincoln City	0

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Nottingham Forest	37	23	7	3	53
Sheffield Wednesday	36	21	7	3	51
Wolverhampton	35	18	9	4	45
Leeds City	35	16	11	4	42
Bristol City	34	16	8	12	40
Clapton Orient	34	16	8	11	41
Darnley	35	17	7	11	41
Hull City	36	15	9	12	39
Wolverhampton W	36	15	9	12	39
Bury	36	15	9	12	39
Stockport County	36	12	15	13	33
Darnley	36	12	15	13	33
Grimsby Town	35	13	15	13	33
Blackpool	36	8	13	14	31
Huddersfield	36	8	13	14	31
Glossop	36	8	13	14	31
Lincoln City	36	8	13	14	31
Leicester Fosse	36	11	3	22	25
Nottingham Forest	36	7	9	20	23

Results of matches played Tuesday, April 14.

Huddersfield Town	3	Parnley, L.	1
Leeds City	0	Clapton Orient	0

#### Southern League.

Results of matches played Saturday, April 11.

Southend United	1	West Ham United	0
Portsmouth	1	Bristol Rovers	0
W. Ham United	1	Crystal Palace	0
Northampton	2	Plymouth Argyle	2
Millwall	1	Swindon Town	1
Exeter City	0	Cardiff City	1
Gillingham	2	Queens Park Rangers	1
Swindon City	3	Queens Park Rangers	1
Brighton & Hove	2	Queens Park Rangers	1
Coventry City	0	Queens Park Rangers	1

Results of matches played on Easter Monday, April 13.

Norwich City	0	Gillingham	0
Reading	0	Portsmouth	0
Exeter City	0	Plymouth Argyle	0
Southampton	1	Millwall	1
West Ham United	1	Cardiff City	1
Crystal Palace	0	Brighton & Hove	0
Bristol Rovers	0	Queens Park Rangers	1
Swindon United	1	Coventry City	1
Swindon City	3	Queens Park Rangers	1
Swindon City	3	Queens Park Rangers	1

#### Results of matches played on Easter Monday, April 13.

Swindon Town	36	21	7	3	53
Crystal Palace	36	18	15	3	47
Reading	36	18	10	8	42
Northampton	36	11	19	5	41
Plymouth Argyle	36	14	13	8	41
West Ham United	36	14	11	10	38
Brighton & Hove	36	14	11	10	38
Portsmouth	36	12	11	13	37
Southampton	36	12	11	13	37
Gillingham	36	12	8	15	34
Exeter City	36	10	14	12	34
Cardiff City	36	10	14	12	34
Norwich City	36	10	14	12	34
Swindon United	36	11	10	15	33
Southend United	36	9	14	17	29
Bristol Rovers	36	9	14	17	29
W. Ham United	36	9	14	17	29
Coventry City	36	9	14	17	29

Results of matches played on Easter Monday, April 14.

W. Ham United	3	Millwall	1
Northampton	1	W. Ham United	1

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ally fitted, we are free to face with the fact that, notwithstanding the possible advantages in weight and space to be derived from its adoption, and the undoubtedly greatly increased radius of action, it would mean a return to the old principle of the reciprocating type with its necessity for balanced movement and compensations, which does not exist with the present system of turbine installations. Many look with confidence towards utilizing the rotary motion of turbines with some necessary modifications, while dispensing with the present boiler arrangement, by an installation arranged to produce an expansive motive fluid by means of the combination of the products of combustion of small internal-combustion units with compressed heated air, such motive fluid being sufficiently cool in order to obviate injury to the turbines. Such an arrangement has already been designed and apparatus of a comparatively large power constructed, on which confidential experiments have been carried out. These point in the direction of ultimate success. Such an installation, whilst retaining all the advantages of internal-combustion machinery with respect to economy of fuel consumption, would at the same time have all the immense advantages of the turbine with its balanced action and unlimited capacity for adapting itself to varying loads. Such a turbine would not in any sense correspond to what is usually termed a "gas" turbine, nor would it suffer from the drawbacks attendant upon the immense heat which gas-turbines are called upon to stand. The matter is mentioned here incidentally to show that, even excepting internal-combustion engines of sizes suitable for battleship propulsion to be an accomplished fact, the last word has not yet been said.

## DEATH OF MR. KWOK YIK TING.

The announcement of the death of Mr. Kwok Yik Ting, a well-known Chinese businessman and a resident of Hongkong, has been received with sincere regret by all who knew him. The end event on Sunday evening, after an illness of only a few hours. The funeral services were held yesterday and the remains conveyed to Canton by the steamer Paul Beau, where they will be interred in the family vault.

Mr. Kwok Yik Ting was managing director of the Canton Navigation Company, manager of the Kwangtung Electric Power Supply Company, the Canton Irrigation Co. and the Tung Cheung Co. as well as being interested in many smaller concerns. He was one of the first promoters of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (Canton Section). He was of a most genial disposition and his generosity to many Chinese benevolent societies will be as greatly missed as will his friendship with a large number of foreign friends.

Mr. Kwok was only 39 years old. He was a native of Honan but had resided in Hongkong practically all his life. Much sympathy will be felt for his widow and four small children.

## CHINESE ROBBER CHIEF.

Said To Be In Sumatra.

Deli has, according to the *Semarang Post*, for some time given shelter to a notorious Chinese robber chief who has been wanted by the Hongkong police. His name is Tai Wei, though he is better known in his native place as Kuo Shu's Tsin. He is suspected to have been the leader of the gang that plundered the British steamer *Tai On* at the beginning of April last year. With a couple of thousand men in his possession, he is said to have made his way out of China. He was seen in Singapore, but succeeded in making off before he could be captured. A big price has been offered for his capture, but he has not yet been seen.

A marriage was to take place on April 20th between Cecil Plant Macdonald, Federated Malay States Civil Service, and Miss Mary, daughter of the Rev. J. A. Pennington, M.A., of Blackheath, and Miss Mary, daughter of the Rev. J. A. Pennington, M.A., of Blackheath, and Miss Mary, daughter of the Rev. J. A. Pennington, M.A., of Blackheath.

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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The H.M.S. *Thetis* arrived this morning.

The German Warship *Taiguan* sailed yesterday evening.

Clothing to the value of \$103 was stolen on Sunday from No. 15 Jubilee Street.

Mr. Bunja, of Durbar House, Cameron Road, has had stolen from his verandah 3 pairs of boots valued at \$18.

Clothing worth \$41 and other articles valued at \$140, are reported as having been stolen from No. 222 Temple Street.

A timber merchant at the Fray's Road has reported the loss of \$12 worth of clothing and 25 shirts valued at \$35.

The raw silk shipped on board the *Amoy*, which left this port on April 7, was delivered at Lyons on the 8th instant.

An interesting article giving extracts from the Chinese Association's Annual Report will be found on pages 2 and 3.

Two Chinese each received a month's hard labour, and four hours' stocks for larceny at Yau-mai. Inspector Gerrard prosecuted.

We learn that one of the gunners, R. G. A., was removed to the Military Hospital last night, where it was discovered that he was suffering from plague.

Miss Phillips, of the Astor House Hotel, when on board the *a.s. Ou Hai*, as a passenger, had stolen from her cabin a plume of the bird of Paradise valued at \$200.

A Chinaman, nine years old, was killed yesterday through falling from the passage way of the second floor at No. 125 Wandai Road. She fell to the ground and was horribly bruised about the head and body.

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Lee Yung, master of a blacksmith shop and tea house at Tiam Tuk, was before Mr. Wood today for permitting goats to stray on Government Plantations. On Friday defendant was charged and said that the Forest guard who brought the case asked him for \$5 as hush money. Mr. Wood intimated he did not believe the defendant's story and fined him \$10. Two weeks ago defendant was fined \$25 for standing pine trees from Government Plantations.

Kui Pui-men, a wealthy merchant of Stockholm, who had been married for 25 years, recently resorted to a dangerous device in order to escape his wife, whom he suspected of infidelity. He arranged with a doctor and a solicitor for a mock death. The doctor reported Poison to be dead and the body was duly placed in a coffin. Then the solicitor signed the "deceased" will leaving all his property to his wife. After the solemn ceremony, the wife telephoned her lawyer: "Splendid news! My husband is dead!" Her lawyer promptly arrived on the scene and embraced the supposed widow, whereupon Poison burst out of the coffin. The wife blushed and her lawyer said: "Poison has now assumed a divorce."

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## BANKRUPTCY COURT.

## INTERESTING DISCUSSION ON THE BANKRUPTCY ORDINANCE.

His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz (Acting Chief Justice) presided over a sitting of the Bankruptcy Court this morning, when an interesting discussion took place in connection with the local Bankruptcy Ordinance.

The discussion arose in the case of Lee Chan, wherein application was made for the adjudication and the appointment of a trustee, and the adjourned application under section 78 (2) of the Ordinance was considered.

The Official Receiver (Mr. E. Carmichael) informed his Lordship that the last application for a meeting order was adjourned. The creditors had now decided that they did not wish to go on with that application, and had passed an unanimous resolution in favour of adjournment, and for the appointment of the Official Receiver as trustee.

His Lordship: That is a common case. The Official Receiver: One of the partners is absent. The other partner has agreed to the adjudication. He is the man who did not agree before.

His Lordship: The petitioner is absent?

The Official Receiver: The petitioners have agreed.

His Lordship: Who was the petitioner presented by one of the partners?

The Official Receiver replied that it was presented by the partner who is not now in the Colony. The other partner, who formerly did not agree, was now agreeable. Then there was an application under section 78 (2) for the discharge of one of the partners from the proceedings. That application was supported by a declaration that this man is not a partner in the firm. He was not in a position to prove that the man on behalf of whom the application was made was not a partner, but he would ask his Lordship to make the order.

His Lordship: You don't oppose it. What about the creditors?

The Official Receiver: The creditors do not oppose it.

His Lordship: Are there only three alleged partners?

The Official Receiver: There are seven.

His Lordship: If I make the order for adjudication, who will it be against?

The Official Receiver: Against the firm.

His Lordship: That will include the petitioner and one other partner, no one else?

The Official Receiver: It will include all the other partners stated in the petition.

Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) who appeared for an alleged partner named Fung Yau Pui, referred his Lordship to the affidavit filed asking the Court to strike out his client's name as being not a partner in the firm. He did not ask for a declaration that he was not a partner, but asked for his name to be struck out so that he would not be adjudged bankrupt.

His Lordship: Whether he is, or is not a partner might have to be decided?

Mr. Grist: It might. It goes so far that he is not a consenting partner to be made bankrupt, and I would submit he is entitled on that ground to have his name struck out of the petition. Also on the other grounds set out in the affidavit, which is not contradicted.

His Lordship: Two people said to be partners are in the country, and there is no evidence that the proceedings have come to their notice. They are out of the jurisdiction. If I make an order against the firm, will it be given as against them, and if so, ought it to be made?

The Official Receiver: I am quite clear that those two partners gave another man a general authority to act for them in this matter, but the point may arise if they do not appear in the country.

His Lordship: Supposing they come back and say they know nothing about it and want this adjudication set aside, what argument have you got then? Can you make an order against a person who has no notice of proceedings?

The Official Receiver: There is no doubt you can make an order in the firm name.

Mr. Grist: Personally I don't think it is possible that the Court can make an order on the petition of one debtor. Every debtor must be joined in that petition.

His Lordship: That is what I think.

Mr. Grist: There is no such authority as given in the Hong Kong Act here. That is the very point I raised at the last sitting.

His Lordship: It is undoubtedly in the Hong Kong Act.

Mr. Grist: I raised his Lordship to the sitting of section 78 of the local Ordinance. Undoubtedly the wording of that section contemplated that every one of the partners must be joined. There was a section in the Hong Kong Act which said that the partner could petition his own name in the name of the firm, but we had not such a section here. Therefore every one of the partners must be joined in the petition.

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## CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. was held yesterday at the office of the company, the Hon. Mr. E. Shallen presiding. There were present—Messrs. J. W. C. Bonney, R. Shewan, and W. L. Patterson, directors; J. A. Plummer, F. Smyth, L. Clark, T. G. Wall, Leming Yan, P. H. Kwan, A. H. M. de Silva, Chan Pak, shareholders; and C. E. Pemberton, secretary.

The Chairman said the sole purpose of the meeting was to confirm the following special resolution passed at an extraordinary meeting held on April 22nd, 1914, and which he proposed:—That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company be respectively extended, altered, and amended so as to read as shown in the printed form for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of the meeting, and that such extension, alteration, and amendment be adopted by the shareholders of the Company to the extent of those heretofore prevailing.

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